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**STRANGE TALES**™ **FEATURING:**

**THE**

# **GOLEM**™

THE THING THAT WALKS LIKE A MAN!



**THE  
DEVIL-  
HORDES  
OF  
KABALLA!**



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Stan Lee  
PRESENTS:

# THE GOLEM!

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PROTECT  
US!

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THE GOLEM!  
HE... HE...

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IS IT,  
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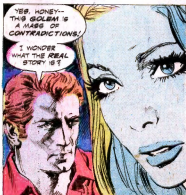
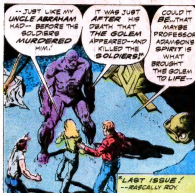
NIGHT ON THE DESERT:  
FALLEN LIKE A BLACK  
CURTAIN AND SHARP  
WITH THE SMELL OF  
DEATH...

DEATH BROUGHT HERE  
BY...

# THE GOLEM!

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"...BUT PROF. ADAMSON BELIEVED IN THE OLD LEGENDS THAT SAID THE SOLEM WAS ONCE ALIVE, IN PRAGUE, AND HAD BEEN A PEOPLE'S PROTECTOR THERE.

"AND WHEN HE'D FOUND THE CREATURE, AFTER YEARS OF SEARCHING, WELL... THE PROFESSOR WAS PROUD, AND AIDED!



"BUT THEN THE SOLDIERS CAME, DESERTERS FROM THE NEAR-BY WAR!

"THEIR LEADER, COLONEL OHAR, WAS A DESPERATE THIEF BUT DEFERENTIAL NONETHELESS.



"...ONLY HIS SOUND HAD NO SUCH CIVILITY; ONE OF THEM MERCILESSLY SHOT PROF. ADAMSON DOWN...



"COLONEL OHAR SCREAMED IN RAGE AT THE SHOOTING-- BUT THE DEED HAD BEEN DONE--



"--SO WE WERE TAKEN AS HOSTAGES AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT REPRISALS.

"I CAN ONLY GUESS AS TO WHAT HAPPENED... PERHAPS THE PROFESSOR WAS NOT DEAD... PERHAPS HE CRAWLED TO THE STATUE...



"... PERHAPS HE READ FROM THE ANCIENT SCROLLS HE POSSESSED IN A FRANTIC ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE SOLEM...



"...MAYBE HE EVEN CHANCED UPON ANOTHER WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CREATURE--



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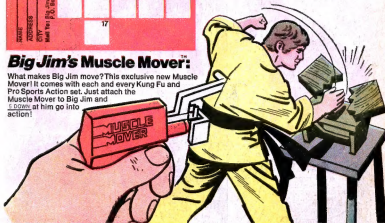
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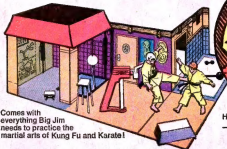
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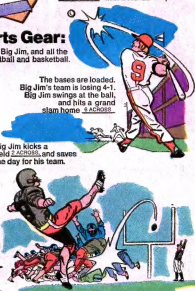
Big Jim makes a fantastic shot over the opposing 3 DOWN



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The bases are loaded. Big Jim's team is losing 4-1. Big Jim swings at the ball, and hits a grand slam home 5 ACROSS

Big Jim kicks a field 2 ACROSS, and saves the day for his team.







ALMOST AT THE YOUNGESTER'S WORDS, THE GOLEM'S HOODED EYES BEGIN TO DROOP...



...AND HE BECOMES VIRTUALLY DEAD TO THE WORLD.



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GREAT ALLAH!  
THE CREATURE  
LIVES!

KILL IT!

BUT... OUR  
BULLETS ONLY  
BOUNCE OFF  
HIM.



THE GOLEM KNOWS  
HE LOVES THE THREE  
PEOP. ADAMSON ASKED  
THAT HE PROTECT...



... AND AS HE DID BEFORE,  
HE WILL DESTROY THOSE  
WHO WOULD HARM THEM!

BECKY--  
HE'S GONNA  
KILL 'EM--  
JUST LIKE HE  
DID ON THE  
DESERT!



GOLEM-- STOP!  
IN THE NAME OF OUR  
PEOPLE, I SAY THIS  
IS WRONG!

IF YOU CAN  
UNDERSTAND MY  
WORDS, PUT THEM  
DOWN--GENTLY!



I WHEWE  
HE DOES  
UNDERSTAND  
US!



HIS MOVEMENTS  
ARE SMOOTHER  
NOW THAN WHEN HE  
FIRST WALKED  
AGAIN BACK ON THE  
DESERT SANDS...

...PERHAPS THIS  
REFLECTS HIS  
INCREASED  
SELF-ASSURANCE.

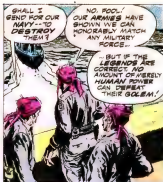


—ER, THANK YOU FOR SAVING THESE ONLY-DUTIFUL SOLDIERS' LIVES, AMERICANS...

AHH...IMMEDIATELY, SIR, WE ONLY WISH TO COMPLY WITH YOUR COUNTRY'S DESIRES!

...BUT I THINK IT BEST YOU HURRY IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE--

--AND --ER, TAKE THAT MONSTER WITH YOU!



SHALL I SEND FOR OUR NAVY--TO DESTROY THEM?

NO, FOOL! OUR ARMIES HAVE SHOWN WE CAN HONORABLY MATCH ANY MILITARY FORCE--

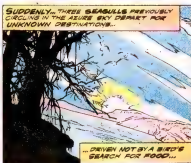
...BUT IF THE LEGENDS ARE CORRECT, NO AMOUNT OF MERELY HUMAN POWER CAN DEFEAT THEIR GOLEM!



HOWEVER, THE LEGENDS ALSO SAY THE GOLEM'S POWER EASILY TURNS AGAINST THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO CONTROL IT!

THE AMERICANS WISH US NO HARM WITH THEIR MONSTER-- LET THEM HAVE HIM!

HE SHALL BE THEIR CURSE!



SUDDENLY...THREE SEAGULLS PREVIOUSLY CIRCLING IN THE AZURE SKY DEPART FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATIONS...

...DRIVEN NOT BY A BIRD'S SEARCH FOR FOOD...



...BUT INSTEAD BY DEMON-LIKE CONCERNS, FOR SUCH THEY TRULY ARE.

ONWARD THEY WING, TOTALLY BEYOND HUMAN OBSERVATION NOW...



...UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT A PLACE WHERE THE SUN HAS NEVER SHONE, A PLACE THAT ENVOIES PURE EVIL...

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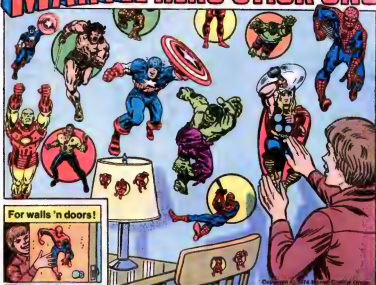
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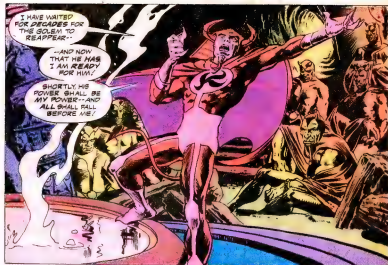
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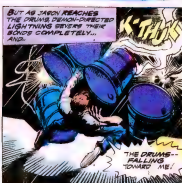
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KNOWN AGAIN  
THAT WE  
NEEDED YOU!

IF ANYONE  
CAN PUSH THESE  
DRUMS BACK--  
YOU CAN!



BUT THAT PROVE  
HARDER DONE  
THAN SAID!

MAIGHTILY THE  
GOLEM STRAINS--  
BUT HE BUDGES  
THE BARRELS  
ONLY INCHES...



HA! AS I  
SUSPECTED! THE  
GOLEM DRAWS HIS  
STRENGTH FROM  
THE LAND--

--AND NOW THAT  
I'VE ATTACKED HIM  
AT SEA--

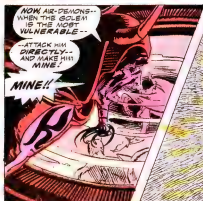
--HE'S  
ALMOST  
POWERLESS!



BUT WEAKENED  
THOUGH HE MAY BE,  
THE GOLEM IS  
NOT COMPLETELY  
HELPLESS.

AND WITH MUSCLES RIPPLING LIKE  
MOUNTAINS AND A DETERMINATION  
TO MATCH, IT IS ONLY MOMENTS TIL...

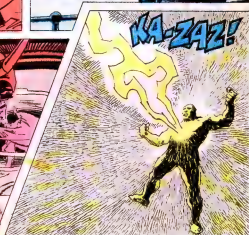
... JASON  
ADAMSON  
IS FREED!



NOW, AIR-DEMONS--  
WHEN THE GOLEM  
IS THE MOST  
VULNERABLE--

--ATTACK HIM  
DIRECTLY--  
AND MAKE HIM  
MINE!

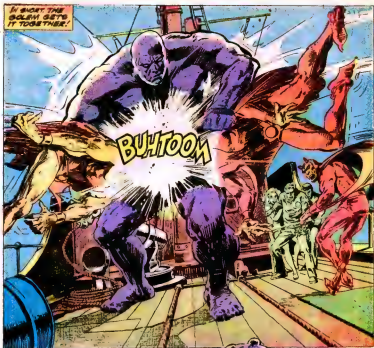
MINE!!



KA-ZAZ!



IN SHORT THE  
GOLDM GETS  
IT TOGETHER!



# LETTERS TO THE GOLEM

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Dear Marvel,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you on the beginning of a fantastic series. The Golem is a truly novel character and should be a big seller.

Len Wein's script was good, but it contained one serious flaw. According to Jewish legend, to bring the Golem to life, the word "emeth", which means "truth," must be written on its forehead. To stop a golem, the first letter must be erased, leaving "meth," which means "he is dead." Another legend says that a special amulet must be placed around the Golem's neck. To stop said Golem, simply remove the amulet. The script contained neither of these life-giving formulas.

Of course, that John Buscema's art was great, goes without saying. Seeing the name Buscema on a story means the best can be expected.

Before I leave, I have one question. Did anyone on the staff see the movie "Der Golem," produced by Paul Wegener, who also starred as the leading character, before you produced this story?

Thank you for your time.

Don Vaughan

201 South B St  
Lakewood, Fla. 33460

You're welcome, Don. Thank you for the interesting letter.

We wouldn't be at all surprised to learn that editor Roy Thomas or scripter Len Wein was familiar with the film you mentioned, as both are monster-movie buffs of the first magnitude, but their inspiration for this series was drawn from the original legend, not from any filmic incarnation of the Golem.

As for the methods of bringing the Golem to life that you cited...being the swell-headed bozos that we are, we decided to alter the legend (which by definition, of course, is alterable; legends are not fact) to suit our own purposes. We didn't wish to use the amulet bit, since we already have a well-known Zombie (Simon Garth in our TALES OF THE ZOMBIE black-and-white chiller) whose curse derives at least in part from the Amulet of Damballah that hangs around his withered neck. And Dr. Strange has the all-seeing amulet-eye of Agamotto...and we figured that was enough amulets for any one comics company. Likewise,

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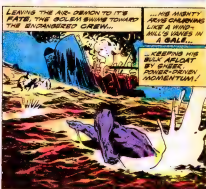
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THE GOLEM  
CAN'T STOP...  
OR HE'LL SINK!

WE'LL HAVE TO  
GRAB HIM AS HE  
PASSES!

SET READY...  
ONE... TWO...



...THREE!  
LEAP!



WE'RE SAFE!  
WE'RE SAFE!

NOW ALL WE  
GOTTA DO IS  
HANG IN  
THERE!



REACHING  
A NEAR-BY  
ISLAND SHORE.  
NOT TOO MUCH  
LATER...

HE DID IT!  
THE GOLEM  
PULLED US  
THRU!



YES... BUT  
NOW THE  
MOMENT HE'S  
HELPLESS,  
THE NEXT HE'S  
A RAGING  
FURY!

WHERE  
DID THAT  
NEW  
STRENGTH  
COME FROM?

I CAN'T SAY,  
REBECCA. I  
WONDER IF THE  
GOLEM COULD  
SPEAK, WHETHER  
HE COULD TELL?



I... DO NOT...  
KNOW! THE LAND...  
IS MY... STRENGTH...

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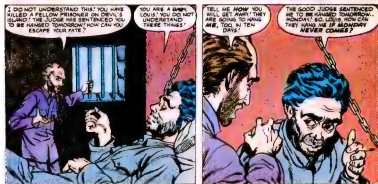


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Excelsior!

**ITEM!** Hmm. Looks like Smiley just about said it all already. Still, if there's any doubt that the whole wide world is becoming Marvel-conscious, the following fistful of personalized mini-items ought to erase 'em once and for all. To wit:

**ITEM!** First off, our own Rascally ROY THOMAS — who still manages to write a comic-mag or three a month, in between his ever-burgeoning editorial duties — was recently awarded an **Affred** by the first International Comic-Strip Congress at Angoulême, France. (The "Affred" after whom the coveted prize is named is a precocious penguin who appears in a French comic-strip.) The award was given to Roy as best comic writer in a foreign language. Sheesh! And here all these years he thought he was writing in English!

**ITEM!** We neglected to mention it in the rush of other epoch-making events of the past few months, but **Creem Magazine**, one of the better-known rock magazines now on the stands, has been reviewing comics for some time now. Naturally, we don't exactly concur in all of its erudite evaluations, but we salute them for applauding the recent efforts of **STARLIN**, **ENGLEHART**, and **MILGROM** on mags like **MASTER OF KUNG FU** and **CAPTAIN MARVEL**. 'Course the titanic trio have moved on to conquer new worlds since then — but wherever they pop up, either separately or in tandem, you can bet the result'll be well worth anybody's two bits!

**ITEMS!** The nominations for the annual Awards given out by the Academy of Comic-Book Arts have been announced and, while we don't have room to sandwich 'em all in here, suffice it to say that the minions of Marvel were not exactly overlooked this time around. To

name just a couple of categories, two of the Best-Continuing-Feature nominees were **CONAN** and **TOMB OF DRACULA**, while both **CONAN** and **DR. STRANGE** tales were nominated for Best Story. Likewise, both **Jude JIM STARLIN** and **Kolorful KLAUS JANSON** are up for Outstanding New Talent — while the lustrous names of **MARIE SEVERIN**, **MIKE PLOOG**, **LARRY HAMA**, and **BOB FOSTER** make the list of Best-Humor-Penciler nominees read virtually like the table of contents of **CRAZY Magazine!** As usual, we'll give a full unfettered list of the winners in a month or two, in one of our 'tilt' letters columns. So keep watchin', hear?

**ITEM!** Well, we've finally caught up (more or less) with the Niagara of mail

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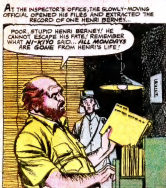
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